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**Subject:** RE: Binghamton TV stations coverage of Dimick -- protestester gearing up for Obama visit

Does anyone know anything about the President going to Dimock on Friday as the articles suggest?? Has the Region been asked to prepare anything?

Laura is out all week, so I may have missed some messages somewhere.

Let me know if anyone has further information.

Thanks,  
Cathy

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**From:** Seneca, Roy  
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### **WBNG-TV BINGHAMTON, NY**

Mayor Ryan: Reopen EPA Investigation Binghamton) Mayor Matt Ryan is asking President Obama to reopen the Environmental Protection Agency investigation on hydraulic fracturing in Dimock, Pa. The Dimock discussion has been rekindled by Obama's Friday visit and a recent article published in the Los Angeles Times. In the article, the LA Times mentioned a leaked internal PowerPoint presentation by the Environmental Protection's Agency regarding 11 wells around Dimock. Action News received a copy of the PowerPoint slide. It says methane is released "perhaps during the fracking process," which is different from previous findings released to the public. "The Pennsylvania constitution guarantees citizens the right to clean water," said Montrose Borough Councilwoman Julianne Skinner. "That is at stake. We urge the president this EPA study has got to be opened." The investigation in Dimock ended last summer, but some on the anti-fracking side say this is enough to demand the investigation be reopened. "President Obama needs to get control of his EPA and make the correct phone calls and get them to open up this investigation," said Catskill Mountainkeeper Wes Gillingham. "This is really important for the people of this county." They say the EPA is ignoring clear evidence of drinking water contamination. Bob Williams, director of the pro-fracking Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, said he doubts the EPA would reopen the case. "I actually trust the regulatory agencies," said Williams. "I don't trust Mrs. Jones down the street or Mr. Brown up the road. I like to rely my information on the Environmental Protection Agency and the DEP. They have nothing to gain by changing the data." Ryan said if he has the chance to meet the president on Friday, he will probably hand him a letter explaining his position on the fracking debate.

### **WBGH-TV BINGHAMTON, NY**

Dimock Water Investigation A group of fractivists are gearing up for President Obama's visit. They plan to demonstrate on the Binghamton University campus, showing their displeasure about the President's pro-fracking stance. Ray Kemble of Dimock, Binghamton Mayor Matt Ryan, and several others also want the President to tell the Environmental Protection Agency to reopen its investigation into water contamination in Dimock, Pennsylvania. A year and a half ago, the EPA started delivering water to some families in the area, while the agency worked to determine if drilling operations in the town ruined water supplies. In the end, the EPA said that drilling did not. However, according to a recent report by the Los Angeles Times, an EPA official said the agency supposedly did find significant water pollution, but closed the investigation anyway. Kemble says he and two of his neighbors are still paying to have water delivered to their homes.

Ray Kemble says, "There are good people in the EPA that want to help us, now we just need to get the President to turn around and help us get the EPA back in and do the job that they should have been doing in the first place and not being politically moved." The fractivists recently delivered fifty-thousand petition signatures to the EPA asking it to take another look at Dimock.

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